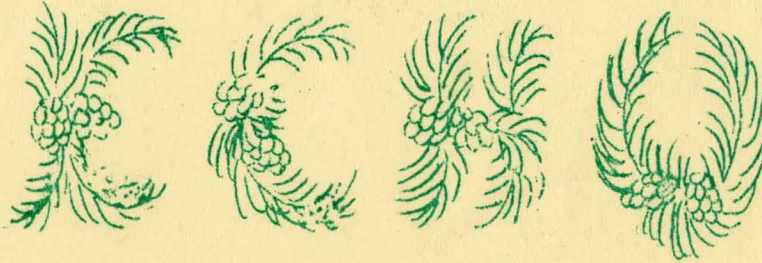
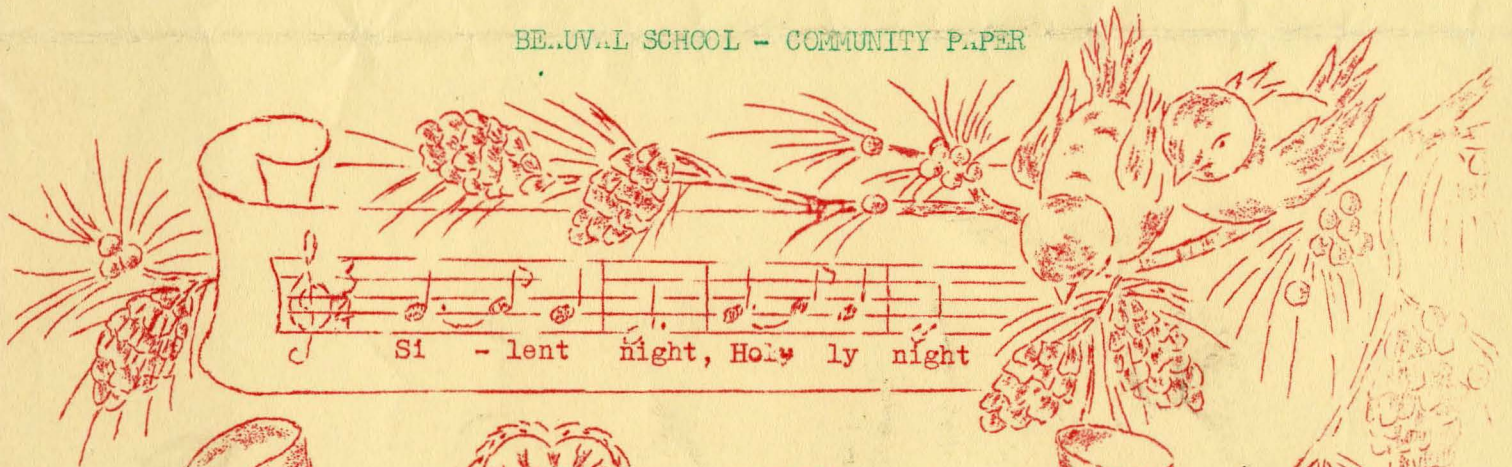


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To all of you there from all of us here
This brings a warm wish for a houseful of cheer
And a hope that each room from ceiling to floor
Will be filled with such joy you could ask for no more!



FUN ON ICE

Skating is fun especially when everybody joins in. One fine Friday after school, the children and teacher went down to the river for a real skating "show". Martin Gauthier CARETAKER of the rink had just scraped off the snow when the happy gang arrived. Then everyone enjoyed an hour of fun and laughter. Most of the little ones were wearing skates for the first time, so they kept cleaning the rink by doing "seat skating"..... They chose the edge of the rink much to the contentment of the bigger ones who frolicked back and forth with no little ones in their way. This "natural" rink affords a jolly meeting place for the children of the village, but when the snow starts piling up, Martin will have to "round-up" his helpers to scrape it off. Remember, the rink must be kept open, for it has a world of meaning to all the village children.

AMELIORATIONS

Late in November the students enjoyed a two-day holiday, while Mr. Welper, carpenter from Lac La Ronge, was laying a new battleship on the floor at school. This dark brown battleship, besides giving a neat appearance to the school, makes sweeping and upkeeping of the school a much less arduous task. On November 19 a BEE was organized to wax the floor the opening of school on the following day. Delphine Alcrow, Alice Maurice, Hermeline Corrival, M. Madeleine Durocher, Louise Maurice, Annette Maurice and Josephine Alcrow spontaneously volunteered to do the work, and by 4 o'clock in the afternoon, everything was finished and the floor was as shiny as the skating rink down the hill. Thanks to all those who helped to do the cleaning.

NEW HOTEL

The new BEAUVAL HOTEL, property of Mr. W. H. Sandherr, opened its doors to the public early in December. The HOMELIKE little rooms, finished in light pastel shades are furnished with modern and comfortable beds, the kind that are so appealing to weary travellers in the North. The new hotel is located in front of Mr. Sandherr's FAMILY STORE. Visitors, make sure to visit the new hotel when you come to Beauval.

NEW TEACHER IN JUNIOR ROOM

Shortly after Sister Auréa Mageau's departure for the hospital, her sister dismissed the little ones to teach in the senior room. Two weeks later, a new teacher, Miss Alice Georget arrived from Prince Albert to replace sister Annette Mageau in the junior room. The little ones were soon very fond of their new teacher and who wouldn't? It was plain to see that both the small and the big ones liked "Sweet Alice with eyes oh so blue." Miss Georget boards at the Residential School and she seems to enjoy the trips back and forth in the jeep. She left for her Christmas holidays on December 20, but before going she admitted: "I'm sorry to miss the Christmas concert, but I hope to come back to Beauval after the holidays. We are happy to hear that she will be coming back until sister Mageau is well enough to teach.

THANK YOU to all those who have devoted much time in printing the Christmas issue of Beautiful Valley Echo.

THANK YOU to all those who have sent in an encouraging word about our school paper, especially to Father Leising, who showed a keen interest in all our school-community activities.

A MESSAGE of LOVE

to Our Teacher

On November 11, our teacher, Sister Auréa Mageau left the beautiful Vale for the hospital at Saskatoon, where she was operated a week after her arrival. It was a sad day for all of us, not only because our teacher was leaving, but also because we did not know what the future had in store for us. However, our prayers accompanied our loving patient to the hospital and a crusade of prayers was continued until news reached us that she was well on the way to a complete recovery. Sister Mageau is now at Calgary, Alberta, where she is recuperating under the affectionate care of her sister, Sr. Simone Mageau R.N.

Dear teacher, may the bluebird pictured above bring you our message of love on wings of happiness. He will tell you that we miss you and we are most anxious to wish you a

Your loving Pupils.



hearty welcome home again.

CARD PARTY

Playing whist was a thrilling experience to most of the boys and girls who had their first card party at school one Sunday afternoon in November. This entertainment was offered to the boys and girls who had done fine work during the month in their respective knitting and woodwork activities. After seven very lively games of whist, prizes were offered to the winners. Léon Durocher, an invited guest came first and he chose a large bag of candies. It was believed that he regretted having chosen the candy when he was urged to "pass the bag around." Claire Laliberté, second prize winner, took a pocket knife, while Josephine Alcrow enjoyed unwrapping her booby parcel which contained a tiny red balloon. Everybody enjoyed the delicious lunch which was served after the game. All are looking forward to the next whist party. Meanwhile the "left behinds" are showing more goodwill and enthusiasm in their manual work, for they too want to go to the party next time.

IMPROVEMENTS IN THE NEW HALL

Our new hall underwent remarkable improvements in December, by the installation of electric lights. The stage was completely transformed into a homelike living room, by a wall of ten-panes. The cozy little windows were made, one on each side of the double doors at the back of the stage. Jimmy LeFleur, aged fourteen, carpenter in "the making" added the finishing touch, by nailing borders around the doors and windows. Then the whole stage received a second coating of light buff paint, while the trimmings were done in green and brown. Beautiful dark red glowing satin curtains trimmed with gold satin were hung on the stage, giving it a "royal" appearance. When, through the courtesy of Reverend Father Landry, the piano was brought from the Residential School and placed in front of the stage, the new hall was all set for a "festival" fit for a PRINCE.

One hot day last summer a little boy was walking along behind a very large woman, so close in her footsteps as to be annoying. Finally she turned on him, demanding why and threatening to call the police. "Please don't do that," the child pleaded. "It's just that you're the only real shady spot on the street."



CHRISTMAS TREE

AND CONCERT

On December 25, Christmas night, the children of the village gladly took the stage and put up a real concert which was immensely enjoyed by their parents and friends. The performance from beginning to end was definitely a success. A spirit of merriment and Christmas gaiety filled the air and the listeners as well as the performers enjoyed the program.

The first number was an ever beautiful song in three parts, entitled DECK THE HALLS, sung by pupils of different grades.

Then peal after peal of laughter was heard as three comedians put on a play called TOO GREEDY BY HALF. Johnny Mathieson represented a very inca-

pable dentist in spite of all the learned theoretical terms. He left his patient, Valmore Corrigal in a worse condition after he had extracted "somebody else's tooth from his mouth." His assistant, a "confounded Irishman with a green bow", as he called Philip Gauthier, kept the audience roaring at his wise cracks. Keep it up boys; you'll replace Gabby Hayes some day.

Then came eight girls from the senior class to dance the Seven Drops of Brandy in a real snappy way. Then they did some folk dancing, while the spot played on their pretty white skirts trimmed with silver, red or green.

It's the season for the good old favourite Jingle Bells and the rhythm band made it ring out merrily, after which they played another selection entitled The School Band. Valmore Corrigal, a 12 year old violinist and Clément Lalboeuf, aged 14, a mandolin player, were the most remarkable figures of the Band.

Trimming The Christmas Tree was last but not least on the program. Christmas "carollers" attired in gay old fashioned costumes, walked into a cozy home and sang for two little children (Brian Mathieson and Rosa Sandherr) who were awaiting the coming of the angels, believed to trim the tree at midnight. This done, angels, candles in hand, Candy Canes, Icicle ladies, Bell Girls, the Star Maiden, and the little Eskimos answered in turn to the summons of the Christmas Angel and put their decorations on the tree. It was very amusing when all these little folks started to dance, each in his own way, round the beautifully decorated tree after their work was all done.

Then the Child Jesus, the Giver of Gifts, appeared in the person of Philip Gauthier and distributed gifts to all the children. Mr. Mathieson and Mr. Sandherr had sent candy and oranges galore, so that everyone in the audience had something for his or her sweet tooth. As they retired, it was evident that the people had enjoyed themselves immensely, as they voiced their Christmas wishes, their thanks and their good-byes, to the organizers of such a grand evening.

Mr. Valmore Morin, returning from Germany where he had served in the armed forces, provided entertainment between the acts, by playing on his guitar and singing popular songs. He also accompanied Brother Dumaine who played a few snappy reels on his violin.

HIGH SAW

Concert



There was a song in every heart on December 17, feast day and also birthday of Reverend Father Landry, Principal of the Residential School. This social gathering marked the opening of our new hall, and was it not BEFITTING that the inauguration should take place on Father Landry's feast day, for Father had spared neither his time nor his advice in the erection of this new building.

The opening number on the program was a festal song in two parts, in which, all the children of the Res. School voiced their filial affection to their kind and beloved pastor.

In a lovely little playlet entitled THE DAISIES' SECRET Marie Jeanne Paul kept her companions and the whole audience wondering about the mysterious PRINCE and the mysterious gift, until a beautiful Angel (Pélagie Iron) appeared and silently placed a present worthy of a "religious" PRINCE who turned out to be no other than Rev. Father Principal. The happy girls then offered their Prince a Spiritual Bouquet: a month of prayers and good deeds from the children and staff of the Res. School.

When the tune of the WEDDING OF THE PAINTED DOLL was heard, eleven little "white dollies" wearing majorette hats and costumes and carrying a baton, sprightly advanced swaying and dancing with perfect grace and rhythm.

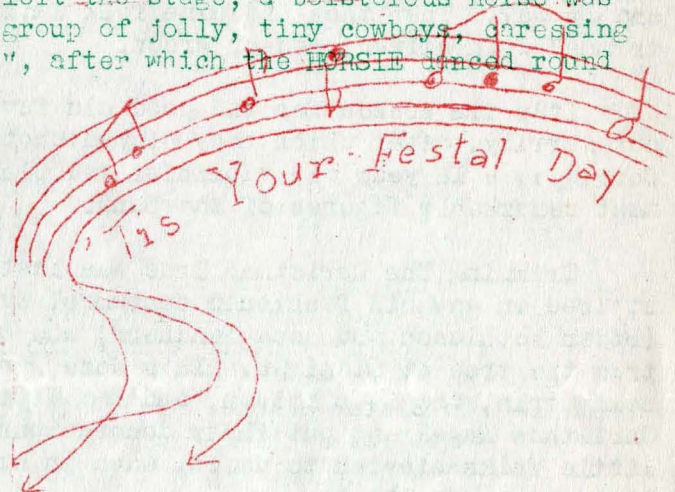
After the refined majorettes had left the stage, a boisterous noise was heard behind the stage and when the curtains opened, a group of jolly, tiny cowboys, caressing their "horsie" sang with enthusiasm "Good-bye Ol' Paint", after which the HORSIE danced round and round for the hero of the day.

Four girls then sang "The Little White Church in the Wildwood" in four parts. Later on in the evening another trio sang "May the Good Lord Bless and Keep You". The village children were then invited to join in by singing BLESS THIS HOUSE.

Finally the Operette SNOW WHITE captivated the audience beyond expression when Susan McCallum featuring SNOW WHITE appeared with her young friend and "life-saver", Podgio (Laurent Cantoner) who sat by her side to learn his alphabet. In the second act, she was keeping horse for her Seven Little Iwarfs after the wicked queen, her step-mother (Eva Merasty) had sent her into the woods to die. It was in the Second Act that the audience admired her charming prince, represented by Léon Matchee, in his rich tunic and velvet cape. It was his privilege to draw Snow White from her sleeping spell into which she had been cast by her jealous step-mother.

The ladies of the court of Poppy land, the maidens, and the little fairies, all wearing attractive, appropriate costumes, sang beautiful songs in parts and performed very elegant dances before their princess, Snow White

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MIDNIGHT MASS

The little Child of Bethlehem who was proclaimed King of Heaven and earth by the Angels 1952 years ago, is still proclaimed so by the faithful today, who love to sing again the heavenly chorus taught to them on the first Christmas night: GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO.

The little white church in the vale also rang merrily on the Eve of Christmas, inviting the faithful to come and adore the newly born King of the world.

The fishermen from Lac La Plonge and Doré Lake made it a duty to come and kneel in prayer with their wife and family during Midnight Mass. Mrs. Elisabeth Bouvier played the organ while the choir sang the Royal Mass with piety and devotion.

Reverend Father Perreault, after having offered his best wishes to his people, spoke of the great lesson of love which the Christ Child brought to us on the first Christmas. For love of man he came down to earth, was born in a cold stable thus giving us an example of three great virtues which world is still so much in need of: charity, humility and poverty.

At the second Mass, the well-known Christmas hymns were sung in Cree while the people listened attentively and piously. In fine, the Crib, artistically decorated, the lights, the music, everything invited both young and old to prayer and recollection. Thus may we conclude that Christmas or the coming of Christ brings peace and joy to the world.

THANK YOU

New expressions come
and old expressions go
But THANK YOU lives forever.

THANK YOU to Mr. Waugh for the lovely parcel containing the material required for the publication of our school paper. Thank you for the new teacher.... for the globe, and for so many other things too numerous to include on this page.

THANK YOU to Sister Simone Mageau of Holy Cross Hospital for the two gigantic boxes containing "everything except a sink and a gas stove" wrote sister Mageau. Thank you also to some of the generous souls who donated articles to fill the boxes, namely: Mrs. D. McGraw, Mrs. F.E. Timmins, Mrs. M.R. Massecar, Mrs. D. Eckhart and Mr. Brian Van de Wark, all from Calgary.

THANK YOU to Rev. Father Perreault who gave presents and sweeties to the children at Christmas; thank you to Rev. Father Landry who sent for the curtains, who lent the piano and who did so many other things for us. Thank you to Sister Superior who made and put up the curtains in the hall. Thank you to Mr. and Mrs. Mathieson and Mr. and Mrs. Sandherr who gave candy and oranges to the children at Christmas.

THANK YOU to Sister Superior A. Lachance from Gravelbourg for a \$5.00 donation to the school paper; thank you also to Mr. Emile Mageau who gave \$ 2.00 for the same paper.



THE LITTLE FLOWER

PATRON SAINT OF MISSIONARIES

On December 14, special religious ceremonies were held in honor of the Little Flower who, on December 14, 1927, twenty-five years ago, was proclaimed patron saint of missions and missionaries. We are proud to mention that this patronage was first initiated by His Excellency Bishop Charlebois, founder and first Vicar Apostolic of the Keewatin.

With the help of Mr. Bernard, devoted friend of St. Therese, Mgr Charlebois sent a petition to His Holiness, Pope Pius XI, asking that the Little Flower be proclaimed patron saint of missions and missionaries. Then

letters and petitions were sent all over the world and prelates, missionaries and lay people signed them with enthusiasm, telling their admiration for the little "sower of roses."

In answer to the request of His Excellency, our beloved Bishop Lajeunesse, three days of prayers were offered to the loving little Saint of Lisieux, who promised "to spend her heaven in doing good upon earth. On Sunday, December 14, a solemn High Mass was celebrated in honor of St. Therese and Reverend Father Fournier spoke very eloquently on the virtues of the Little Flower and how it came about that she was proclaimed Patron of all the Missions of the world. That explains why the missionaries and the people of the North have such an ardent love and devotion to the Patron Saint of Missions.

ALBERTA VISITORS

Among the first few visitors to enjoy the comfort of the Beauval Hotel were some of Sister Cyre's "daring relatives" who came from Shoal Creek and Legal, Alberta to visit their sister at the Res. School. Arriving at 1 o'clock a.m. after a trip of over 400 miles is enough to make anyone feel weary, but when one can sink into clean, warm beds as those you find at the new hotel, makes you "dream" about your next trip to Beauval. At 10 o'clock the next morning, being a Sunday, the six visitors attended High Mass at the village in company of Sister A. Mageau and Sister Cyre. Rev. Father Perreault gave them a warm welcome which made them feel very much at home. The rest of the time was spent at the Res. School where they visited the school and its dependencies, witnessed some good hockey playing, did some FANCY skating and spent the evening at the girls' recreation room, where Fathers, Brothers, Sisters and a few girls assembled for a little entertainment. Mr. BING Hebert, in spite of his "natural shyness" sang a couple of songs, and was joined by his wife, by Mr. and Mrs. Louis Cyre, Mrs. Lena Cyre and Mrs. John Williams in songs and merry performances. Everyone seemed to enjoy this little gathering, but all too soon came the time to say good-bye. In spite of the cordial invitations to prolong their visit, they had to be on their way as duty awaited them at home. Their appreciation of "northern hospitality" was beyond expression. We all hope to welcome them again in the near future. "So long. It's been good to know you."

May the good Lord bless and keep you
Whether near or far away,
May you find that long awaited golden day today
May your troubles all be small ones
And your fortune ten times ten
May the good Lord bless and keep you
Till we meet again.

The Third Act represented Snow White, Queen of Poppyland with her charming young prince before the court. The Seven Little Dwarfs and Podgio proudly stood before their lovely queen, Snow White.

The actors of the Operetta were highly commended by everyone in the audience. We thank Reverend Father Poirier, the Brothers, Sisters and teachers of Ile a la Crosse for their encouraging comments and for assisting at the concert. Reverend Father St. Pierre from the Meadow Lake reserve was also a very welcome guest at the concert.

MY STAY AT BEAUVAL

We arrived at Beauval on November 16. It marked the opening of a very pleasant stay. Sister Mageau very kindly let us use the teacherage during our stay. Mr. W. M. Walper, my step-father was doing carpenter work in the school. He was laying flooring and was also working at the teacherage.

On the fourth after my arrival I started going to school at Beauval. The first day was not so easy, but after I got to know the children, I found it quite enjoyable. Everyone was very nice to me. The work at school was the same as at Lac La Ronge school. In social studies, sister had us make reports, which we pronounced in front of the class. Jimmy Lafleur had made a microphone and we arranged it as a radio program. Afterwards they took a vote for the reports and I won first prize. Sister gave me a lovely pair of night slippers. I intend to keep them as a reminder of my stay at Beauval. I wish to thank everyone at school for making it so nice, especially Sister Mageau.

Zelda Lavern Johnson. Lac La Ronge.

